

[English]

Installed Capacity of Sugar Mills in U.P.

4395. SHRI RAMNIHORE RAI: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to State:

(a) whether the existing installed capacity for crushing sugarcane in Uttar Pradesh is not adequate enough in comparison to the production of sugarcane in the State as per request made by U.P. Government to the Union Government;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and the effective steps taken Union Government to solve this problem; and

(c) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken by the Union Government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD (SHRI TARUN GOGOI): (a) to (c). The installed capacity in terms of annual sugar production, as on 30.9.1991, in the State of Uttar Pradesh was 24.493 Lakh Tonnes, whereas the sugarcane production during 1990-91 was 99.00 Million Tonnes (Estimated). The licensed and installed capacities in the State of Uttar Pradesh are being progressively increased and have gone up from 77.09 and 63.37 Lakh Tonnes in 1980-81 to 162.229 and 93.413 Lakh Tonnes in 1989-90 respectively. Accordingly, the percentage of sugarcane crushed by the sugar factories has also gone up from 20.2% in 1980-81 to 34.2% in 1989-90.

Quota of Palmolein to Sikkim

4396. SHRIMATI DIL KUMARI BHANDARI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether quota of Palmolein/Rapeseed oil to Sikkim has been curtailed considerably;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor and period of such curtailment;

(c) whether the Government are aware that other varieties of edible Oils are beyond the reach of common man;

(d) if so, whether the Government are considering to bring edible oils under the list of controlled items of fixed prices; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED): (a) and (b). No, Madam. The quantity of monthly allocation of edible oil to Sikkim has not been reduced. However, there was no allocation of edible oil to any State from June, 91 to September, 91 as neither there was any stock of edible oil with the Government nor the same was then being imported.

(c) The prices of indigenous edible oils in the market have increased during the current year in comparison to the previous year and the Government is aware of it.

(d) No, Madam.

(e) Does not arise.

Regional Office of F.C.I. at Silchar

4397. SHRI KABINDRA PURKAYASTHA: Will the Minister of FOOD be pleased to state:

(a) whether in view of its geographical position, there is an urgent need to open a regional office of Food Corporation of India at Silchar;

(b) if so, whether the Government have initiated any step in regard thereto;